

## HAIG SMASHING TOWARD DOUAI

Takes Two Towns, Is Report, and Captures Hundreds, With Much Booty.

### FRENCH HALT HUN ASSAULT

Five Attacks, Three of Them Surprise Attempts in Woivre and Vosges Are Failures.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES AFIELD, April 23.—Slow, steady smashing by British forces all the way from around Lens to around St. Quentin brought in prisoners running into four figures today.

Unofficial headquarters reports declared the towns of Guemappe and Gavrelle had fallen into British hands.

A vast quantity of booty is being captured all along the front.

Guemappe is on the road from Guemais to Arras, five miles distant from Arras. It lies directly to the south of Monchy. Gavrelle is on the main highway from Arras to Douai—about equal distance between the two cities. It is the point at which the British have approached closest to Douai so far. The newly captured town is only eight miles from Douai.

**British Attack Smashing.**

LONDON, April 23.—Over a wide front on both sides of the River Scarpe, Field Marshal Haig early today resumed the British drive with a tremendously powerful attack.

"We attacked at dawn this morning on both banks of the Scarpe and made satisfactory progress," he reported. "South of the Bapaume-Cambrai road we captured the remainder of the village of Trescault and at night gained the greater part of the Havincourt wood."

"The Scarpe attack was over a wide front."

London hailed Haig's report as indicative of resumption of the general British offensive. While there has been no abatement in the pressure around Lens and on the Cambrai-St. Quentin line during the last week, nevertheless it was felt here that the Franco-British strategic plans contemplated alternate smashes in force by the Haig and Nivelle armies.

Indication that Haig's forces on all the British front are starting in motion in a concerted offensive was seen in the official report of gains on the Bapaume-Cambrai road. Trescault itself is a bare eight miles distant from Cambrai—a pivotal point in the "Hindenburg" line.

**French Stop Germans.**

PARIS, April 23.—French troops fought back two violent German attacks in the vicinity of Moronvillers and Monthaut in fierce fighting, the French official statement today asserted. Three German surprise attacks in the Woivre and the Vosges—evidently designed to create a diversion and relieve pressure of the great French offensive to the north—were likewise beaten back. Active artillery combat from south of St. Quentin to Rheims was reported.

"From south of St. Quentin and Soissons to Rheims during the night, active artillery on both sides was most active," the war office declared. "East of Craonne there was a bombardment preceding German attacks. We counter fought and the German attacks didn't materialize."

"In the Champagne two German attacks on Monthaut and Moronvillers were followed by heavy fighting, the attacks being checked by artillery and machine gun fire."

"East of St. Mihiel—in the Woivre, and in the Vosges—three German surprise attacks were beaten back."

### BERLIN REPORTS FIGHTING

Claims to Have Repulsed British by Counter-Attacks.

BERLIN (via London), April 23.—Fighting on a wide front, with repulse of English attacks by counter-thrusts was announced in today's official report.

"Yesterday, to the northwest of Lens, the English penetrated into our first line on a distance of about 500 meters," the statement said. "They were driven back by a counter-attack."

"Early this morning, after a drum fire, fighting recommenced on a wide front."

### ALLIES STORM ISTABUL

British North of Bagdad Score New Brilliant Victory.

LONDON, April 23.—British forces north of Bagdad have achieved another brilliant victory over the Turks, an official statement announced today.

"On Saturday night the enemy evacuated the remainder of its Istabul position, which we stormed and consolidated on Saturday," the statement read.

### GERMAN SQUADRON SAILS

PETROGRAD, April 23.—A German battleship and cruiser squadron has left Libau, presumably to attempt an attack behind the Russian lines from the Baltic, according to official word from Riga today. It was reported also that another German warship squadron was en route to the Russian Baltic positions from Kiel. Riga dispatches asserted that a number of transports, loaded with troops, were accompanying the German squadron from Libau.

### DON'T BLAME THE KAISER.

Officials here today refused to see any reason to blame Wilhelmstrasse for the appearance, in a mild form, of German measles on one of the smaller warships at one of the American naval bases.

## "DRY WAR" MEN TO PRESS VOTE

Amendment to Espionage Bill Has Strong Support in Both Branches.

### DEMOCRATS HOLDING BACK

Are Waiting to Learn Wilson's Desire Before Deciding Their Course.

A vote on the issue of national prohibition during the war will be forced on the floor of the Senate.

Senator Cummins will press his proposed amendment to the espionage bill, providing that no grain shall be used for the war period in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors. This is the amendment which he offered in the Judiciary Committee, and which was beaten. He then served notice that he would bring it up on the floor.

The amendment has strong support, and some prominent Senators today predicted that on a showdown it will be passed. The sentiment for prohibition as a war measure is strong in both Senate and House.

Senator Cummins proposes the amendment to the espionage bill because this bill is in fact a sort of omnibus war measure, not confined to espionage.

Those who have canvassed sentiment in Senate and House say there is no doubt that on a square test prohibition would pass both bodies. The element of doubt comes in by reason of the fact the President has not passed the word to have prohibition enacted. This leads a number of Democrats to hold back.

If the President should let it be known that he believed prohibition should be enacted, Congress would drive it through speedily.

### TURKEY BREAKS WITH U. S.

Official Word Received From Minister to Switzerland.

Turkey has broken relations with the United States, the State Department was officially advised today by Minister Stovall at Bern.

The State Department will immediately give passports to Abdul Hak Hussein Bey, first secretary and chargé, second Secretary Effendi and other members of the embassy staff.

A. Rustum Bey, the Turkish ambassador, has been "absent" from his post since early in the war, when he gave offense by injudicious criticisms of President Wilson.

American Ambassador Alkus was stricken with typhus at Constantinople several days ago, and is now receiving hospital treatment.

### HOOPER NOT FOOD DICTATOR

Director Gifford of Defense Council Correct Misapprehension.

To correct misapprehension, as to the work Herbert C. Hooper is to perform as chairman of the food board of the Council of National Defense, Director W. S. Gifford, of the council, today issued the following statement:

"It is especially desired to have Mr. Hooper report to the council on the experience and action of European governments in the matter of food production, conservation, and prices, and to make suggestions and recommendations as to the best methods of assisting the allies to meet their food needs and of preventing the evils arising from speculation and manipulation. It is further desired that Mr. Hooper, co-operating with other agencies, especially the Department of Agriculture, assist State agencies and particularly urban communities in the study, distribution, and conservation of food supplies."

It seems that it is not the present intention to make Mr. Hooper, or any other man, "food dictator."

### OPPOSE FERRARA'S ACTION

Cuba to Protest Propaganda of Head of Revolutionary Junta.

"Cuban official agencies in New York have been informed that a formal complaint will shortly be laid formally before the State Department in Washington, against the activities and propaganda of the head of the Cuban House of Representatives, and against the activities of the Cuban revolutionary junta in New York."

The complaint will be based, it is asserted, on evidence that, far from abandoning his propaganda, as he had promised the State Department to do, Dr. Ferrera, immediately following the declaration of war against Germany by President Menocal and the Cuban Congress, plotted the overthrow of the Menocal administration, setting May 26 next as the date.

### GOVERNMENT WINS CASE

Gets Decision in Oregon-California Land Suit.

The Supreme Court today decided in favor of the Government, the noted Oregon and California land case, involving millions of acres of land granted to railroads and claimed by the United States for forfeiture.

The court held the Ferris act, passed by Congress, and giving the land to the Government with the provision that railroads should be paid \$250 an acre for it from the proceeds of the sale, to be a proper act.

The court upheld the act of Congress, disposing of the lands.

## TRADE PROVES U-BOAT FAILURE

United States' Foreign Dealings in March Were Greatest Ever.

### GOLD IS STILL POURING IN

Commerce Bureau Reports Immense Sea Carriage Despite Blockade.

Failure of the German submarine blockade is written in figures of United States exports and imports for the month of March.

Exports of foodstuffs, munitions, and other products during the month were the greatest in any single month in history, with one exception, according to the figures of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

The country's total foreign trade in March showed an increase of nearly \$56,000,000 over that of February.

**Imports Grew Rapidly.**

Exports from American ports jumped from \$407,683,406 in February to \$551,278,328 in March, which is second only to the \$613,555,093 of January as a record for American sales abroad in one month. Imports for March were valued at \$270,484,439, as compared with \$199,479,996 in February and \$241,516,252 in January. The March figure is a new record.

The value of all exports for the nine months ended March 31 is placed at \$4,634,863,518, as compared with \$2,995,424,760 for the similar period of 1916 and only \$1,931,077,860 for the nine months ended with March, 1915. Imports for similar periods were valued at \$1,815,319,416, \$1,504,962,718, and \$1,213,613,643, respectively.

**Increase in Duty-Free.**

Of the March imports, 69.75 per cent entered free of duty, while in March, 1916, the percentage of free imports was 67.75 and in March, 1915, 60.43 per cent.

Gold imports totaled \$139,498,500 in March, 1917, while exports of gold for the month were \$179,901. Imports of gold for the nine months ended March, 1917, were \$801,202,430, as compared with exports of \$150,094,328, leaving a net balance of imports of gold of \$651,108,102.

### SOLDIERS WILL FARM

Secretary Baker Directs Army to Cultivate Land at Posts.

The army was asked today to share in increasing and conserving the country's food supplies. This means of doing this was explained in the following dispatch to department commanders:

"It is highly important in present circumstances that the country should have the largest possible supply of standard food products."

"To this end the Secretary of War directs that you have every available piece of ground on military reservations under your command cultivated. It is recognized that due to the absence of troops from posts, best results cannot be obtained at this time, but Secretary of War urges that army make special effort to do its share in increasing and conserving the food supply of the country."

### MEASLES ON INCREASE

With Nearly 600 Cases Reported, Epidemic Here Spreads.

With nearly 600 cases under treatment the epidemic of measles in Washington is still on the increase.

"Thirty-six additional cases were reported today."

More cases were reported last week than any week this year, the number being 212. During the preceding week 187 cases were reported.

Attention was again directed by the Health Department today to the regulations requiring the isolation of the patient, and that all cases be promptly reported.

### BERNHARDT MAY LIVE

Physicians Consider Advisability of Blood Transfusion.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Although Mme. Bernhardt passed a comfortable night at Mt. Sinai Hospital her physicians today were considering the advisability of a blood transfusion operation to strengthen the famous patient. She suffered a slight relapse today, but rallied quickly.

Mme. Bernhardt has now been in the hospital more than a week since being operated on. She still is in a serious condition, but her physicians stated "her case is not hopeless."

### MAN AND WIFE ENLIST

Both Enter Navy When Recruiting Party Comes Around.

CHESTER, Pa., April 23.—When Lieut. M. S. Tucker, heading a League Island recruiting party, called for volunteers at a meeting at the Alpha Boat Club today, Mrs. James R. Donnell, stepped forward, leading her husband.

She enlisted as a chief yeoman and the husband as a machinist. Seven male volunteers followed the example of the young woman and her husband in five minutes.

### MANY HURT IN FERRY CRASH

Boat Crashes Full Speed Into Her Slip at Camden.

CAMDEN, N. J., April 23.—Owing to the failure of signals, the ferryboat Beverly, plying between Philadelphia and Camden, crashed full speed into her slip, foot of Market street, Camden, this morning causing a panic among her passengers. Six Philadelphiaans were taken to Cooper Hospital suffering from crushed limbs and broken bones. The Beverly was badly damaged and put out of commission.

### \$10,000 FOR WASTE HEAP

Pen Manufacturers' Refuse Is Valuable in Making Munitions.

BLOOMSBURG, Pa., April 23.—For years a pile of waste from iridium, a material used in making diamond-pointed fountain pens, was thought worthless by the Paul E. Wirt Fountain Pen Company, with factories here.

Today a stranger dropped in and offered \$75 a pound, or more than \$10,000 for it. It is used in the munition industry.

# PRESIDENT AND HIGH DIGNITARIES WELCOME COMMISSIONER BALFOUR AND AIDES TO NATIONAL CAPITAL

TRIBUTE PAID TO NOTABLES

### Union Jack Between Stars and Stripes and Tricolor at State Department.

White House; Executive Departments, and Capitol Pay Homage to Briton.

### EVERYONE HONORS BALFOUR

From the front of the State, War, and Navy Department building today fluttered the Union Jack of Great Britain, flanked by the tri-colored banner of France and the Stars and Stripes of the United States.

The trio of huge standards signified an epochal occasion in the history of the United States and Great Britain, today marking the first time in the annals of the nations that they have put their heads and hearts together to devise ways and means of combating a common enemy.

The British flag was hung to the honor of the presence in Washington of Rt. Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, foreign secretary of Great Britain, heading a commission of England's brainiest and most resourceful men sent here to point out the pitfalls of war to America.

### Great Homage Given.

Home never before paid a visitor to the National Capital was accorded the dean of British statesmen by the people of Washington, while at the White House, the State Department, and the Capitol he was greeted most warmly and enthusiastically.

This afternoon Mr. Balfour was the guest of M. Jules Jusserand, the French ambassador, at the Indochinois embassy, where the indissoluble alliance between the nations represented by these men was toasted together with the entry of the United States into the war on the side of the allies.

### Greeted by Lansing.

At the State Department Mr. Balfour, escorted by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice and officials of the department, was greeted with outstretched hand and smiling countenance by Secretary Lansing, while several hundred attaches of the department witnessed the history-making incident.

At the White House, President Wilson, flanked by half a dozen naval and military attaches, responded in distinctive forms generously bedecked with gold lace, welcomed the British statesman most heartily and conferred with him three quarters of an hour.

Hundreds of men and women eager for a glimpse of the distinguished visitor gathered on the steps of the State, War and Navy Building and around the White House while the conference was in progress and participated in a demonstration as Mr. Balfour left the executive mansion for the Capitol.

The foreign secretary will be President Wilson's guest at dinner at the White House tonight.

A great crowd assembled at the north end of the Capitol to welcome Mr. Balfour when he called there to pay his respects to Vice President Marshall.

### Work Is Suspended.

Work was practically suspended in the State, War, and Navy Departments for half an hour while the British officials were paying calls of the three departments preliminary to the historic war conferences now launched.

### Two-Year-Old Recruit

Father of Eddie Tannehill Pledges Son to American Service.

ST. LOUIS, April 23.—The youngest recruit ever offered to the service of the United States has been accepted as a pledge, and in about fifteen years he is likely to be an active service, according to an announcement by his father, Edward Tannehill, formerly of Blytheville, Ark.

The proud father is a navy machinist and has served three enlistments. Young Eddie being two years old, his father wrapped him in a blanket and took him to the recruiting station, accompanied by Mrs. Tannehill. There he was pledged to the United States cavalry as soon as he is old enough to serve.

### WOULD REPATRIATE TROOPS

Bill Introduced Restoring Citizenship to Soldiers.

Between 40,000 and 50,000 Americans now fighting with allied armies may be repatriated after the expiration of their enlistments under a bill introduced in the House today by Congressman Rogers of Missouri.

The State Department, Rogers said, supports his bill.

## TWENTY U-BOATS CAPTURED ON DAY BEFORE MISSION SAILED

### U. S. PROMISES ALL TO ALLIES

A member of the British war commission declared here today that twenty German submarines and their crews were captured by the British April 10, the day before the party sailed.

"They weren't exactly captured, either," said the Englishman. "They had been searching for a destroyed base for days, had been suffering for food and water, and when our boats picked them up many of the men were on the verge of starvation. The crews were quite subdued and gladly surrendered."

"England is getting a lot more submarines than you people in America have any idea of."

"The submarine commanders are having a rough time of it. Their bases are sought out and destroyed almost before they are established. The British know of certain bases, but they let them alone until the submarines are gone, then destroy them and leave the U-boats in a hole."

## COURT PROCEDURE IN STRIKE INQUIRY

Senate Committee Calls for Union's Complaint and Company's Reply.

At a meeting of the special committee of the Senate to investigate the street railway strike on the lines of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, today, a plan of procedure was agreed upon, to expedite the investigation.

In the absence of Senator Hughes, who is ill at Garfield Hospital, Senator Pittman, as acting chairman of the committee, was instructed to notify the employees of the company to file a written complaint with the committee, and to notify Clarence P. King, president of the company, to file an answer.

When the issues between the two parties have been defined, the committee will investigate, through hearings and otherwise, and will confine its inquiry to the matters which are in dispute. The purpose is to waste as little time as possible in the investigation.

In his letter to the strikers and to Mr. King Senator Pittman says the committee will investigate, through inquiry will be much facilitated if the procedure follows as nearly as possible the procedure and practice in the trial of matters in the courts.

The committee did not fix a time for another meeting, but will convene just as soon as the complaint of the employees and the answer of the company have been filed.

### WEAPON PERIOD EXPIRES

Nine Allens Surrender Firearms. Police Canvass Begins Today.

At noon today the time for unauthorized Germans to turn in firearms and other weapons to the police expired, and Major Pullman's men immediately began a lookout for "alien enemies" who might have failed to comply with the order.

From the time the order was issued, eight days ago, nine Germans surrendered shotguns, pistols, and ammunition. None appeared at headquarters yesterday or today.

It is expected that the District Attorney, in co-operation with Major Pullman's men, will take steps later in the week to carry out the other order of the President forbidding "alien enemies" to live within half a mile of the Navy Yard, the Marine Barracks, the Washington Barracks, the Naval Observatory, and the steel plant at Grosvenor Point.

The police are waiting for surveys of the neighborhoods surrounding these places, now being prepared by the District surveyor, after which the cases will be made of the territories designated.

### BRYAN TO SEE BALFOUR

Commoner to Make Social Call on Visiting British Statesman.

William Jennings Bryan is scheduled to meet Mr. Balfour informally and socially at the Long mansion this afternoon.

"It will be purely a social call," the former Secretary of State said at the Lafayette, where he is stopping. "Mr. Balfour and myself are friends. I met him for the first time in London some twelve or thirteen years ago."

Mr. Bryan said he did not stop off in Washington to see Mr. Balfour, exclusively.

"I am very glad of the fact that he is here, however, and that I shall be able to see him," he continued.

Mr. Bryan reached Washington today from Ithaca, N. Y., where he delivered a lecture last night. He leaves tonight for a trip through the West.

### URGES JAPANESE LOYALTY

Head of 60,000 on Pacific Coast Makes Patriotic Appeal.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—George Shima, of Berkeley, president of the Japanese Association of America, has issued an appeal to 60,000 Japanese on the Pacific coast, pledging them to "unswerving loyalty and steadfast faithfulness to the Government and people of the United States and the united support of President Wilson."

The association has a membership of thirty-nine Japanese organizations on the Pacific coast.

"Our lives and our property are protected by the laws of the United States and we enjoy the blessing of our homes by the hospitality of the American people," the appeal says.

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Every Resource of Men, Money, and Material Pledged to War Mission.

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Although the conferences were little more than the exchanges of formal courtesies they served to impress upon the visitors that the United States is in the war up to the hilt and stands ready to "do her bit" in any way that she can most effectively contribute to the common cause.

**Spirit of Welcome.**

It was in this spirit that President Wilson, speaking for the American people, welcomed at the White House today the Rt. Hon. Arthur James Balfour, secretary of state for foreign affairs of the British government, and head of the British war commission.

It was in the same spirit that other members of the commission, representing various departments of the British government, were received by the heads of the various corresponding departments of the American Government.

Mr. Balfour, speaking for the British government, is understood to have indicated to the President that Great Britain's idea in sending Sir Dudley and his staff to the United States was not that it should presume to suggest any particular course for the United States to follow, but to give the United States the benefit of British experience so that the American Government, in mapping out its plans, might profit by all the costly mistakes which England made at the outset of the war.

### Other Receptions.

During the morning, while Mr. Balfour was calling on the President and other heads of the Government, other members of the British commission were being received by the heads of the various departments which they will be throwing in closest contact with during the conferences.

Lieutenant General Bridges, representing the British war office, for example, was received by Secretary of War Baker. Rear Admiral Sir Dudley was received by the British admiralty, by Secretary of the Navy Daniels; Lord Clifflin, governor of the Bank of England, by Secretary of the Treasury McAdams; and General Anderson, by the British war commission, by members of the National Council of Defense, and so on.

No detailed work is to be done, however, according to the belief of members of the British party, until the arrival here of the French commission, headed by former Premier Rene Viviani and General Joffre. After that, it is stated, the American, British, and French officials will divide up into groups, discussing every possible phase of co-operation between the United States and our allies.

**One Thing Made Certain.**

One thing was made clearly certain at the outset, however, namely that while studious care will be taken by the visitors to avoid even the appearance of dictating the course of the United States, the principal concern of both Great Britain and France at this time is that some means be found for the United States to supply both food and the ships with which to transport it to the allied countries.

Consequently it is hoped that the United States will find it possible to contribute her food resources to the same general reservoir from which the enemies of Germany may draw a common supply.

"We come here with dispatch boxes full of facts," explained one member of the commission. "These facts we are prepared to lay before your Government for their use and their benefit. If our advice is asked for, we shall gladly give it. Our mission is entirely one of service."

### MARSHALL IS UPHELD

U. S. Attorney for New York Not in Contempt of House.

H. Snowden Marshall, United States attorney for New York, was not in contempt of the House for statements he made alleging that a subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee was trying to "intimidate" him in connection with the indictment of Congressman Buchanan of Illinois for alleged activity in the labor's peace council propaganda, the Supreme Court held today.

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